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# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. DUSTIN HURLBURT**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced that Dustin Hurlburt, 26, of Warsaw, New York, pled guilty today before United States District Judge Richard J. Arcara, to one count of mail fraud, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1341. The maximum penalty is twenty years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney MaryEllen Kresse said that between March 2001 and October 2003, Hurlburt obtained money from more than ten persons, having told them that he would invest all their money in securities. Ms. Kresse said Hurlburt admitted knowing that his representations to the investors were false in that he intended to use some of the money to pay back previous investors and to pay some of his own personal expenses. As a result of Hurlburt's scheme, the victim investors collectively lost approximately \$970,000.

The guilty plea resulted from an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn, and the United States Postal Inspection Service.

Judge Arcara scheduled Hurlburt's sentencing for October 15, 2004 at 12:30 p.m.

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